

Concord May 3<sup>rd</sup> 1844  
Dear Mr. Chandler.

I enclose you ticket  
to the next meeting of our Club.

No: the ticket will not stand  
upon your attendance or absence.  
but admit you affectionately  
into our circle.

I have distributed forty  
tickets; to W. Emerson more than  
one, and enclose a duplicate  
for any other friend of yours.  
whom

you think will enjoy the  
interview, and possibly become  
a member.

Some little time will define  
definitely the terms of membership  
and whether putting in thirty.

Mr. Emerson has not named  
his theme, and we shall all  
enjoy the more the prospect when  
announced: or, still better—  
each one find the name  
and significance for himself.

Surprise is one of the beauties  
of the poet's art, or of fine  
manners, and the charm of

Consumption.

May has hardly smiled  
as yet: Mayday Angels  
sullenly frown as if threatening  
to delay and linger into June.

Can it be waiting for our  
Schoolmistress' Valleying North  
into Summer and its pleasures  
by mountain and stream?

Then, we shall persuade  
her to try our fields and  
brook-sides, and learn whether  
former haunts have not their  
charm, for the Summer  
Guest.

And would not Shakespeare entertain  
us for a Summer morning or  
two? We will see.

So till Wednesday and

W. Emerson, as always,

Affectionately Yours.

A Bronson Alcott.

Mrs. Ellen A. H. H. &